

was originally filed; and (b) amendments to Claims 131, 132 and 133 (which contain underlining which are properly part of the claimed material) were made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), which allows words in claims to be stricken out or inserted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a). Additionally, the references to claims 145 and 146 in the dependent claims have been changed to reflect the change in numbering of the independent claims. The Examiner has indicated that such amendments would be acceptable to respond to the Communication. Furthermore, Claims 105 and 114 were rewritten in Markush format.

After entry of the above amendments, Claims 104-109, 113-118, 126-137, 139-144 and 146-147 will be pending in the application. Applicants submit that these amendments do not add new matter, as indicated in the Response filed on April 21, 1992.

The specification has been amended to indicate the first filed parent application from which the present application claims priority and to indicate the status of the parent applications. Therefore, the priority date of the present application is April 17, 1981 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. §1.78. Applicants thank the Examiner for kindly pointing this out.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the instant claims are in condition for entry. Applicants also submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an action passing this case to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

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